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If John R. Shoemaker is elected Treasurer of McKean county, he will do his own business and will not be required to employ a deputy because of his inability to discharge the duties of his office.

THERE has been considerable street talk about Mr. W. J. Colegrove's connection with an indemnifying bond. We are authorized to state for that gentleman that he never saw such a [illegible] well know that when Mr Colegrove says a thing he means it. There is no more truthful man in the county than he.

THE Democratic papers are full of gush about the ability of John Breneman as an official. If he is a man of such transcendant abilities why is it that he was compelled to have a deputy all through his term, and when his deputy was absent he uniformly called on John Shoemaker, or some other competent man to write his letters? In fact he has sense enough to realize his own incompetency even if the editors who are backing him have not.

LET every good Democrat resolve to make at least one convert during the coming week and do his part of relieving the county of the Republican ring which has so long fattened upon its Treasury. Bradford *News*.

That's good. The Treasury of the county has been in Democratic hands for the past six years, and an intelligent public would be glad to know how a Republican or any other ring could fatten upon it without the Democratic Treasurers getting the biggest end of the slice. Mr J. W. Brennan had his clutches on the Treasury for the first three of the six years, and if any one got any more fat out of it than he did then the public has been misinformed as to the wealth he piled up during that period of time.

FOR the past ten years McKean county has had sufficient population to entitle her to two members in the Legislature, since the last census was taken there have been two attempts to pass apportionment bills. All will remember the first, which was at the session of 1883, when the Democrats controlled the House and the Republicans the Senate. The struggle was a long and bitter one, embracing an extra session, which cost the people of the state a half million dollars. The second attempt was during the session of 1885, when the Republicans controlled both branches of the Legislature, but the Democrats had the Governor. At this session bills were passed which were pronounced fair by leading Democrats of the Senate, but the Governor vetoed the mail. There is now no doubt in the minds of intelligent men of all parties that General Beaver will be elected Governor of the State next Tuesday. The Democrats are satisfied that this will be the case, and, therefore, for the past two weeks have changed their tactics and are now quietly endeavoring to secure the House of Representatives. They have selected all the close counties—McKean among the others—where they confidently expect, with the assistance of their Prohibition allies, to secure the election of their candidates. If the Republicans of this county desire to assist them in this scheme, there is no more effectual way than by voting for John K. Wilson or Elish K. Kane. By voting for the latter they are casting half a vote for the Democratic nominee, as Kane has not a ghost of a chance of being elected. It will not be denied by any one, that Mr. Wilson will vote with his party, on party questions, even if by so doing, he does great injustice to the county of McKean. If the Democrats carry the House by a reasonable majority they can not only prevent the passage of apportionment bills, but they can also capture a United States Senator to fill the seat now occupied by a Republican. Republicans of McKean county: It is in your power to frustrate this scheme by voting for P. S. Johnson. Will you do it?

CONTENTMENT.

In all the history of the politics of McKean county for the past thirty years, during which time the writer of this has had some knowledge, no more infamous attempt was ever made to blacken the character of reputable citizens, than the one which the Democratic candidates and their organs are engaged in this year. They must know that Mr. Andrew Reilly, their own Commissioner, suffers equally with the gentlemen who were in the board with him, in their imputations of malfeasance in office, but what do they care for him as long as their purposes are served. If they could hoodwink the people of McKean county long enough to grab the offices they are after they are heartless enough to crush Andrew Reilly, or any other respectable, honest and well meaning democrat. They are willing to fatten upon the results of their lies no matter if it does ruin one of their own political household.

The statements made in the last issues of their organs, to the effect that there are something over $17,000 judgment liens against the poor farm is wilfully and maliciously false. The only unpaid judgment lien against A. I. Wilcox which can in any way affect the poor farm is the W. A. Williams' judgment of $2125.80 and interest from January 23d, 1885. The Sheriff's recognizance is not a judgment, and no suit has ever been brought thereon although Sheriff Wilcox has been out of office two years. No amount can ever be recovered on Sheriff Wilcox's bond or recognizance until he has been found a defaulter and judgment obtained. Then the poor farm cannot be touched for this or the Williams judgment until his other property is exhausted. In view of this fact is it not wilfully false to say that there are judgments to the amount of $17,000 against the poor farm.

The Commissioners were thoroughly apprised of this state of facts, and after due consideration concluded that a bond of indemnity was not necessary that Col. Wilcox had sufficient property to protect the county against any loss from the purchase of the poor farm. The board of Commissioners which purchased the farm was composed of A. T. Palmer, Andrew Reilly and P. S. Johnson, all of whom are thoroughly practical business men. These gentlemen have made the following statement of facts in connection with that transaction which explains itself

TO THE PUBLIC.

The undersigned, late Commissioners of McKean county, make the following statement in regard to the several legal liens against the McKean county poor farm. We procured a certified list of the liens and required Sheriff Wilcox to have the same satisfied or released as fast as money was paid on account of farm, which was done. We also had a bond of indemnity proper executed by said Wilcox and recognizance as Sheriff of the county, but when he presented releases and satisfactions of all the liens against said farm except his recognizance and the W. A. Williams judgment of $2125 and interest, we believed that his other property in this county was ample sufficient to satisfy the Williams judgment, and any claims that might subsequently arise under his recognizance or official bond. We therefore did not deem a bond of indemnity necessary and none was perfected.

The county is amply protected against any loss in the purchase of the poor farm from any source whatever.

A. T. PALMER, } Late
A. REILLY, } Comrs
P. S. JOHNSON, }

Smethport, October 25th, 1886.

In reference to this matter the lying allegation has been made and scattered broadcast through the county, that a bond of indemnity was executed and filed in the Commissioner's office and that the Commissioner's Clerk, John R. Shoemaker, had secreted, suppressed or destroyed it. Mr. Shoemaker gets a quietus upon this infamous statement in the following affidavit

State of Pennsylvania, }
COUNTY OF McKEAN, }

John R. Shoemaker being duly sworn says that he has no knowledge that any bond of indemnity was ever executed by A. I. Wilcox, John R. Chadwick and W. J. Colegrove or any one else to McKean county, and if such bond was executed it was never filed or left with him or in the Commissioner's office so far as he knows.

JNO. R. SHOEMAKER.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 26th day of October, A. D. 1886.
JOHN N. APPLE,
Notary Public.

The men who it has been persistently alleged executed this bond of indemnity are W. J. Colegrove and John R. Chadwick of this place, two of the most correct and truthful men in all McKean county. These men are above duplicity and could not be hired to make false representations on any subject. The following is their affidavit in reference to this matter.

State of Pennsylvania, }
COUNTY OF McKEAN, }

W. J. Colegrove and J. R. Chadwick being each duly sworn say that they never executed and delivered to the Commissioners, or their Clerk, or any one else, a bond to indemnify said county or the poor district of said county against the bond or recognizance of A. I. Wilcox, Sheriff.

W. J. COLEGROVE,
JNO. R. CHADWICK.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27th day of October, A. D. 1886.
JOHN N. APPLE,
Notary Public.

HENRY CLAY McCORMICK'S nomination for Congress by the Republicans of the Sixteenth district is much more creditable than the usual offspring of the conference system. McCormick is prominently identified with the development of his city and section of the State, commands public confidence to a marked degree and may be classed as one of the brainy men who will be in Pennsylvania's delegation to the Fiftieth Congress. Phila. *Times.*

MR. SHOEMAKER is the only candidate for Treasurer before the people of this county at this election who is capable of discharging the duties of office without assistance. That fact alone should settle the question as to who should be elected. It is about time that the election of figureheads to responsible positions should cease.

REPUBLICANS of McKean county, every man on your ticket, from General Beaver for Governor to C. M. Colegrove for County Surveyor, is Colegrove for County Surveyor, is worthy your earnest and undivided support. See to it that your ticket is successful next Tuesday.

COMPARISONS.

When the present campaign opened it was our determination to treat the Democratic candidates with entire respect. We hoped for a clean canvass and that the opposing candidates would go before the people upon their merits only. But last week's issues of the Democratic papers of the county were filled with wholesale misrepresentations against the Republican candidates. Their columns fairly teemed with gross and outrageous allegations as to these gentlemen, none of which are susceptible of proof. If the Republican papers hit back it is because they are forced to do it. They are not ashamed to place their candidates side by side with those of the Democratic party, and do not fear if the sunlight of publicity be thrown upon their acts, both private and official, believing that they will stand the closest scrutiny and will make them the favorites of the people of McKean county.

P. S. Johnson, the Republican candidate for Representative, is a man of the people and thoroughly practical. There is nothing the humblest citizen could ask of him that he would not put himself out of the way to do, no matter how inconvenient it might be for him to grant the request. On the other hand his opponent, Mr. J. K. Wilcox, is one of the kind that is most at home in drawing-rooms, a sort of dude, belonging to that class who ordinarily part their hair in the middle. The noses of this class of men are usually elevated when they pass a working man as though a disagreeable odor pervaded the atmosphere which surrounded the men of toil. This society of common people is not at all congenial to this class and all they want of them is their votes, very few of which Mr. Wilson will get.

Mr. John R. Shoemaker is one of the most competent men in the county for the position of Treasurer. He has made up the Treasurer's duplicates for years and knows all about the system of taxation under which the county government is maintained. He is familiar with the intricate questions which arise in the financial department of the county, and is unquestionably one of the most thoroughly equipped men to take charge of the county's finances of any in this section of country. There is no disguising the fact that Mr. Brennan, his opponent, does not possess the qualifications which make up a good officer. He was so ill qualified for the position before and had so thoroughly a realizing sense of that fact which is to his credit that he gave the entire charge of the books over to W. D. Gallup, a Republican merchant of this place and now one of the Republican County Commissioners. Brennan knew enough to take the cash and deposit it after Gallup had received it which is about all the responsibility he assumed. His term was one of the most profitable ever experienced by a Treasurer in this county, and a great many Democrats are wondering when his maw will be filled. They cannot understand why he should be clamoring for a second term when there are hundreds of Democrats in the county who would like the nomination and who have put up their cash for the benefit of the party, while Brennan's pocketbook remained hermetically sealed. The lukewarmness of these men will be vividly shown when the votes are counted next Tuesday night.

THE "NEWS" DODGES.

In the original article on "Judge Johnson's Record," which appeared in the Bradford *News* of the 17th inst., several assertions were made which in its last issue it does not stand up to. In its first article it stated that John Scott was "mainly instrumental" for the purchase of the Wilcox farm. In the last it says he "was one of the commissioners who purchased the land," and no one denies that. Neither does any one deny that the land cost $42 per acre, but we do deny, taking into consideration the character of the improvements upon it, the value of the timber, etc., that an extravagant price was paid for the property which the *News* alleged in its first article. In the first article the *News* asserted, that there were house accommodations on the farm at the time of its purchase sufficient for the use of the wards of the county for years to come. In the next it says that "at a *small expense* sufficient room could be had for the paupers for the next five years." We all understand what "small expense" means. Finally it quotes from the Port Allegany *Reporter* a statement of the liens on the Prothonotary's docket which it claims are against the property. As we stated last week, there has not yet been a suit brought against the sureties of Col. Wilcox on his recognizance, and competent attorneys are of the opinion that there is no lien against the poor farm arising from that source. The Huff Brothers & Co. debt is paid in full and the only valid lien against the property is the one belonging to the estate of the late W. A. Williams, of $2000 and interest. As we have already stated Col. Wilcox has property enough in this county to liquidate all claims which can possibly arise against the poor farm.

CAUGHT the head of "What Became of the Bond" some one over the signature of "Tax Payer," asks certain questions in the last *Democrat* which he could have had answered had he called on Mr. W. J. Colegrove or Mr. John R. Chadwick. It was a labored effort and undoubtedly cost its author considerable time and much anxiety, but his efforts to make out Mr. Shoemaker a thief fell flat wherever that gentleman is known.

THERE is no truth in the report that the Republicans of Elk county will support Hall for Congress. He may get a few of their votes but the mass of the Republicans of that county will support Hon. John Patton, the Republican candidate, who is pre-eminently qualified for the position and who is deserving of every Republican vote in the 20th district. There is a strong probability that Patton will be elected.

THE *Reporter* wants to know what the idea of November will bring to General Beaver. It will bring to his knowledge the fact that he is to be the next Governor of Pennsylvania; that he was elected to that position by a plurality of over 40,000 votes.

What the Election is For.

It appears from some of Chairman Hensel's circulars that the election this year is to determine whether or not Pensylvania is to be a Democratic State.

The following, sent to Democrats through the State explains this:

PENNSYLVANIA
DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE,
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 20, '86.

DEAR SIR: One week from Tuesday next will be decided whether or not Pennsylvania is to be a Democratic State.

Our people are earnestly at work everywhere. We will surely win if every democrat will make the question a personal one. Will you? Please see all the Democrats in your district next week and urge them to go to the polls. And as your final effort, I ask you to seek out *at least* one Republican and induce him to vote our ticket, as a whole or in part. Pick out your man at once, and do not be satisfied until his vote is in the box. This is something every wide awake Democrat can do.

I enclose you tickets. *Have them used.*

DO YOUR UTMOST FOR THE WHOLE TICKET.

Yours respectfully,
W. U. HENSEL, Chairman

So, if by any possibility Chairman Hensel's candidate for governor could be elected, Pennsylvania would thereafter be regarded a Democratic State. Perhaps Mr. Hensel is right, and his statement of the point is clear enough not to be misunderstood by any Republican, or any citizen of whatever politics who is proud of the position attained by Pennsylvania and the place she occupies.

The Chairman of the Democratic State Committee has offered in this another forcible reason why the Republican ticket should be elected. It has been urged by the Republicans, but not before by the Democrats, that the result in Pennsylvania this year will do much to determine the next Presidential election. Chairman Hensel's statement that the coming election is to determine "whether or not Pennsylvania is to be a Democratic State" means this.

It will be interesting to see Mr. Hensel's workers begging Republicans to vote the Democratic ticket on that ground. It is not merely to elect the Democratic candidates this year, but it is to decide whether Pennsylvania is to be a Democratic State, and to cast its vote for the Democratic candidate for president two years hence. It is quite within reason that Mr. Hensel should expect with the election of Black and the use of federal patronage to make this a Democratic State.

The issue is very directly made in Mr. Hensel's own words. It will be accepted freely by every Republican voter. Not one will encourage the Democratic Chairman in the hope that Pennsylvania will become a Democratic State. Such an issue will spur all to renewed exertions. *Press.*

S. W. SMITH, Esq., of Port Allegany, is one of the shrewd lawyers and business men of the county. No man who knows him will allege that he is not capable of making a contract or effecting a purchase which will not hold water every time. About the time the poor farm was bought by the county Mr. Smith purchased of Col. Wilcox another farm which lies in the very heart of the borough of Port Allegany. It is an exceedingly valuable property and the consideration paid amounted to several thousand dollars. The conditions upon which the sale by Wilcox to Smith were made, exactly correspond with those made with the county when the poor farm was bought. Does any one suppose that the astute lawyer, the former District Attorney, a man who knows as much about the records and titles of this county as any man in it, would buy a property and pay all it was worth with a reasonable chance of paying for it the second time? The idea is simply preposterous.

GREAT stress is placed upon the pay of the Clerk and his assistants in the Commissioner's office. Any man who knows anything about the increased business of that office owing to the revenue bill passed by the last Legislature, will at once conclude that no one man can possibly perform the duties devolving upon a Commissioner's Clerk in this county. Mr. Shoemaker has been compelled to have assistance much of the time, and in M. B. Greer he has one of the most competent and efficient assistants the county affords, who receives for his services $2 per day. During the past year his daughter, who is a rapid and accurate copyist, has been employed six weeks all told, for which she has received $1.50 per day. This is the sum and substance of Mr. Shoemaker's offending on this score. Is there a business man in the county complaining because he procured help to do the work as it should be done?

THE Democratic leaders in Pennsylvania are greatly discouraged over the outlook. Their meetings generally are thinly attended and lacking in interest, and candidate Black's appearance among the people arouses no enthusiasm. The men who could fire the Democratic heart, such as Curtin, appear to prefer the comforts of home to the glories of the campaign. So Mr. Black has been going it alone, and with results that have distgusted the moguls at headquarters in Philadelphia. This is in marked contrast with General Beaver's canvass. Wherever he has appeared the crowds have been great and the enthusiasm unbounded. Mr. Blaine's appearance on the stump will further arouse the masses, and a full Republican vote and a sweeping victory will be the results.—Pittsburgh *Chronicle-Telegraph.*

H. C. MCCORMICK, Esq., spent a few hours in town on Wednesday of this week, during which time he had an opportunity of shaking hands with quite a number of citizens from different sections of the county. Our people were very favorably impressed with him and he will undoubtedly receive the full Republican vote of the county. His nomination for Congress in this district is having a good effect in Lycoming county. It is thought that he will carry that county and will very materially assist in electing the entire Republican county ticket.

IT is a matter of great curiosity among the people of this county to know when and where John Brennan saved the county thousands of dollars. Such talk is bosh of the superlative degree, and no man knows it to be so better than the editor of the *Reporter.*

A "Ten Shilling-a-Day" Candidate.

In view of the fact that the Knights of Labor have now put a county ticket in the field, ostensibly in the interest of labor and the laboring man, it will not be out of the way to state the position of the Democratic candidate for County Treasurer on the question of wages for laboring men. All men have their personal views on this question, and those views are often founded upon the basis of self-interest. No man who is honest in his opinion is ashamed or afraid to have the public know what they are, and it is proper and right that the voters who are asked to elevate a man to an honorable and lucrative position should know what his opinions are upon questions relative to their dearest interests. Many years ago J. W. Brennan was a laboring man, and we assume never accused the railroad company for which he worked of overpaying him for his services. Thanks to the growth of Bradford and consequent development of his property in the Fifth ward, and the emoluments of a three years profitable term as County Treasurer, he is now able to live without work, and besides other property is the owner of two large farms near the borough of Smethport, upon which he employs a number of laboring men. It is a curious fact that many men born and brought up as employers or laboring men become the hardest task masters when by any lucky stroke of fortune they are raised to the position of capitalists or employers. This curious fact seems to be illustrated in the case of J. W. Brennan, as will be seen by the following well authenticated facts which come to us from Smethport. A few years ago Mr. Brennan was elected as one of the Borough Council. Among the first matters which came before the Council for settlement was the question of wages to be paid to laborers on the street. Mr. Brennan, as one of the Board, was very emphatic in his opinion. He said that he had occasion to employ a number of men and wanted the basis of wages fixed at a reasonable figure, and that he thought A DOLLAR AND A QUARTER A DAY WAS ENOUGH FOR ANY WORKING MAN. Whether he convinced the other members of the Council that ten shillings a day was enough for a laboring man with a family to support we were not informed. But that is immaterial. It is sufficient for the laboring men of McKean Co., who are asked to give J. W. Brennan another term as County Treasurer the most profitable office in the county, to know he considers a dollar and a quarter a day enough for them. *Star.*

IT was customary in years gone by for the Democratic papers to do an immense amount of yelling because the Republican State and National Committees assessed the office holders for money with which to carry on important campaigns. An incessant howl was kept up until the 47th Congress, both branches of which were controlled by the Republican party, passed an act prohibiting the assessing of office-holders, the violation of which was a fine not exceeding $5,000, or imprisonment not exceeding three years or both at the discretion of the court. From that on there was no assessing of office-holders until the Democrats took possession of the government. It has been known for some time past that Hensel had a plethoric bank account and that he was dispensing money favors with a lavish hand, but the fact that the Democratic purse was being replenished by an open violation of the law was hardly credited. The Philadelphia *Press* on Monday last, however, exposes the *modus operandi* through which Hensel is gathering in so magnificent a campaign fund and it proves to be no more nor less than assessing office-holders on the "stand and deliver" style. It publishes a *fac simile* letter of which the following is a copy:

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE, DEPUTY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, FIFTH DISTRICT PENN'A.
September 29, 1886.

DEAR SIR: Contributions amounting to 3 per cent of yearly salary is expected from all employees of the Internal Revenue Office, First District of Pennsylvania. Send immediately to
WILLIAM H. SCOFIELD,
U. S. Internal Revenue Office,
Philadelphia.

By order of Fredk. Gerker, Collector.

It remains to be seen whether U. S. Collector Gerker, or his deputy Scofield, will ever be prosecuted for so open and flagrant violation of the law.

HON. JOHN STEWART'S SPEECH.

During the great Blaine meeting in Philadelphia, on Saturday evening, the 16th inst., Hon. John Stewart, the Independent candidate for Governor four years ago, made a short speech, of which the following is an abstract:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Appreciating the circumstances under which this vast concourse of people has been brought together, I shall detain you but a few moments. I am here simply for the purpose of uniting with you in a public expression of your unalterable devotion to Republican principles and your continued confidence in the Republican party. More than this your patience would not allow, and more than this I shall not attempt. That great political organization into whose keeping was committed the destines of this country a quarter of a century ago; that political party which has moulded and shaped the destines of this country in harmony with the principles of eternal right and justice; that party which has marshaled the patriotism and the powers of this country on a hundred battle-fields, that has redeemed a race from bondage and rescued a government from threatened dismemberment and destruction—that party which has established an equality before the law of the humblest with the proudest citizen—that party is about to resume its rightful supremacy in State and Nation. [Applause.] Disciplined by defeat into increased vigilance and the avoidance of those methods which destroyed its power, it has girded itself for the contest, which it welcomes with the confidence of victory.

After stating that the party with its second advent to power would enter upon a new political era he concluded by saying: "It is idle to assert that this election, though it be but a State election, has no National significance or importance. None know better its significance than those who would seek, in conducting this campaign, to exclude from all consideration any National questions. Defeat in Pennsylvania in 1886 means threatened disaster in 1888.

THE Philadelphia *Record*, the leading Democratic free-trade organ of the State, has this to say in reference to the nomination for Congress of that old demagogue, Vic. Piolet, by the Democrats of the 15th district: "But the finest piece of work is the nomination of Mr. Victor E. Piolet, of Bradford county, as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 15th district. This blatant and pestiferous old demagogue in the Randall-Administration agent for distributing patronage in the part of the State he inhabits. He can be relied on to whittle which ever way the wind blows; but the voters in the 15th district, who know him, may be trusted to keep him out of Congress.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

[From our own correspondent.]

HARRISBURG, Oct. 25.—Forgetting for the time being that the democracy have a campaign on their hands, the party press of the State has opened its columns to the foulest abuse of James G. Blaine and his visit to Pennsylvania. The choicest billingsgate is indulged in, and the ire and offended State pride of the bourbons find expression in language that the slums of New York city would scarce indulge in.

"Those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad" and the managers of the State campaign for the Democracy are mad clean, *clean* through—so mad that before the 2d of November they will emulate the snake, told of in story, that was teased into such a state of frenzy that it swallowed itself out of pure spite.

Blaine's tour through the State from the Delaware to the Ohio has become one of the grandest ovations ever paid a visiting statesman, and the grand outpourings of people in his honor, and as well in honor of General Beaver, his companion and our standard bearer for Governor, has proved a sort of red blanket to the infuriated bourbon bull, who would be pleased to catch this tormentor on his horns and toss him high in the air, but unfortunately the "under dog" in this fight is the mad bull. All his contortions and all his squirming will avail him nothing, the fight is won and the Republican majority will range anywhere between 60,000 and 100,000.

It is not well to be too communicative to traveling, railroad-made acquaintances. That this is true, perhaps Charley Wolfe is well convinced to-day. You published recently in the MINER an interview he had with Mr. Foster, of Sunbury, while travelling on the P. & E. R. R., in which Wolfe's duplicity was so thoroughly shown up. It was unfortunate that Wolfe was so communicative to a stranger. Mr. Foster is a Democrat and is a man who stands high in the estimation of all persons who knows him, and a man who scorns intrigue or duplicity. He could not second Wolfe's plan of campaign, and upon his arrival at his home related this little incident of a railroad acquaintanceship, and the result was that Republican prohibitionists of Sunbury now refuse to support Wolfe and with the conscientious Democratic anti liquor element of the same town, will support Beaver. Charley is not in the campaign because he loves prohibition more, but because he hates Republicanism and Beaver most.

Glance over the party press, of to-day, of all the parties of Pennsylvania and unity and harmony can only be met among Republicans, from one end of the State to the other, while discord and factional differences distract the ranks of our opponents. I feel awfully tempted to inject appropriate versicles here, but I must not wander into romance.

The condition of Democracy in our State is deplorable. All the skill of the embalmer will scarcely be able to preserve the remains, after election day, for future campaigns, for, judging from the filth and foul matter that the party press sends fourth daily now, the party press sends fourth daily now. mortification doubtless has already set in, and the deeper the corpse is buried by a rousing Republican majority the better. Therefore let every Republican do his best, and after November 2d there will be but one political party in the State and *that* the grand old Republican party, whose record in the most trying years of this country's trials stands unequalled in the history of nations of the known world. The present campaign and its results will be the key to the campaign of two years hence, and, as usual, Pennsylvania must be the Keystone of the Republican arch.

Chairman Hensel, in his confident circulars, has affirmed this, and is circulars, has affirmed this, and is bending every effort towards a grand bending every effort towards a grand [illegible] for the succeeding the fact [illegible] that the result in Pennsylvania on November 2d, 1886, will go far towards deciding the battle for November, 1888.

Candidate Black in his recent speeches shows great uneasiness be cause of the Republican boom that Blaine's journey into Pennsylvania has occasioned. His language upon the stump is in many instances open to serious criticism so far as his billingsgate goes. He condemns what he calls "The importation of *cheap stump oratory*" from distant States, and ridiculing the issues that Blaine's coming excites the issues that Blaine's coming excites has emphasized. The Democracy, of course, dont like other States to send their Republican speakers into our own, and condemns it, but how does this party of great moral reform and "turn-the-rascals-out" policy reconcile themselves to the fact that Dave Hill, Governor of New York, has been sent for by Hensel, and will address a Democratic mass meeting in Philadelphia on Friday, Oct. 29th? It is a gross outrage for Republicans, but all right for Democrats to import foreign speakers into our State, at least so say Democrats. But Gov. Hill, of New York, will be expected to set his little boomlet for Presidential nomination in 1888 to rolling—but the Democratic roadway across this protection State is a rough and rugged one, and Hill's boom will be rattled all to pieces before it gets well away on its travels. He can't use Beaver's roads this way.

Locally the greatest interest is now felt in the contest between Geo. Kunkel (Rep.) and Joe McAlarney (Ind. Dem.) for District Attorney. Both nominees are as busy as bees, and are making a vigorous canvas of the city and county. There is considerable discord in both parties because of these nominations. It is not wholly political, and both candidates will be cut by their respective political parties to a very great extent. The elements of discord are personal, and it is safe to say that neither candidate can rely upon a full party support. The end, therefore, is uncertain. Both nominees are good lawyers, and stand well at our bar. The District Attorney fight, however, will not affect the State ticket.

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The Fence Law.

We direct special attention to the act published in our columns in connection with the Sheriff's election proclamation, "to repeal the first section of an act for regulating and maintaining of fences" passed *Anno Domini* one thousand and seven hundred.

It will be observed that this law has been upon the statute books for a period of one hundred and eighty-six years, from the time when our State was a province, and is virtually obsolete, except as a hindrance to the proper enforcement of existing laws "to prevent cattle from running at large." When the law proposed to be repealed was passed the country was a wilderness and cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, etc., were turned loose by the pioneer settlers and allowed to roam at large. We have since enacted laws which subject owners of cattle to payment of damages done by cattle running at large, intended to compel owners to take care of and keep within their own enclosures, their live stock of all classes. But in many cases this old and absolute statute is interposed to prevent recovery of damage upon proof that the claimant for damage did not maintain a proper fence in conformity to this old law. There is probably not a farmer in the county, who upon a full understanding of the effect of the repeal of this old statute would not vote for its repeal. Repeal it, and every owner of live stock will be compelled to keep it within his own enclosure, and failing to do so, his neighbor, without regard to the character of his fences, may collect for damages done by his cattle if allowed to run at large. Tickets "for repeal," and "against repeal," will be furnished and sent to the several election districts, to enable the voters to decide for or against the repeal of the old "fence law." The repeal will not affect existing laws regulating line fences.

This explains the object of submitting the question of repeal to a popular vote. There are, perhaps, some sparsely-settled districts in the State where its repeal would not be desired but these are few in number, yet it was thought right to give the people the opportunity of deciding for themselves.—Bradford *Republican.*

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The Presidential trip to the Virginia State Fair dwindled into small proportions after being heralded so loudly. The President, Mrs. Cleveland, the Cabinet and Mrs. Cleveland, the Cabinet and ladies of the Cabinet, all were to have honored the Old Dominion with their presence, but the ladies changed their minds at the last moment, as did also several members of the Cabinet, and remained at home. This sudden curtailment of the brilliant procession caused a good deal of talk here and professed disappointment in Richmond. Some said their action was in consequence of Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of the ex President of the Confederacy, being a guest of Governor Lee, and because she was to have been a prominent feature of the pre arranged reception at the Gubernatorial Mansion.

The war is not over yet down in old Virginia, as your correspondent had an opportunity to learn while sojourning among its mountains during the past summer. They still talk a great deal about blue blood and southern chivalry, and I heard a lady say she did not like President Cleveland because from all that she could learn he did not have much blue blood in him. I told her it was true, he did not; but from all appearances he had a large quantity of red blood, and then she seemed satisfied.

But to return to the subject of the President's trip, Grover is nothing if not cautious when it comes to such matters as the management of receptions. That select little coterie of rebels had arranged to have the President's party mostly to themselves during their stay in Richmond. The better half of the Administration prudently decided to keep house in Washington until the president returned, and Mr. Cleveland said he preferred to hold his reception on the fair grounds. The President's next trip will be made on Wednesday, when he will go, with his Cabinet, to the dedication of the Bartholdi statue in New York. To speak accurately, I should say, he will be accompanied by part of his Cabinet, for the heterogeneous compounds of the present Administration have never coalesced even in so unimportant a matter as that of standing in line during a procession.

Speaking of Mr. Cleveland's lack of blue blood, it is supposed that his deficiency is amply supplied by Secretaries Bayard and Endicott. These gentlemen represent the aristocracy of the old Federal families, claiming long lines of puritan and patrician descent.

Mr. Bayard does not obtrude his aristocracy, but the Endicotts are very stiff and reserved. Their idea of a festive board, by no means reaches the standard of the free lunch fighters of Washington society. The Secretary of War is scarcely known to the public men here, and has no more influence among them than one of his subordinates. Indeed he only appears at War Department when he feels inclined, and it is often remarked that he regards the presence of a caller as an affront.

You may remember something about his troubles with Congressman Collins in regard to their state appointments. They disagreed because Mr. Endicott wanted only Mayflower citizens appointed, while Mr. Collins insisted on having good Democrats, who had equal social standing but not so long a pedigree. Patrick Collins is a frank, open sort of businessman, who thinks active participation in politics is perfectly proper. He thought that almost any of the leading Democrats of Massachusetts could be safely put into any of her federal offices. But Mr. Endicott would not be contented with anybody but members of the "First Church," and descendents of the "Mayflower breed of men." That is why some of the best places in the Bay State were so long held and why some are still held by Republicans. Yes, Secretary Endicott is a very nice looking, eminently respectable man, but he has a great deal more blood than brains.

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PURSUANT TO AN ACT OF THE General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "an act relating to elections of this Commonwealth," approved the 2d day of July, 1839, I, A. F. BANNON, Sheriff of the county of McKean, Pennsylvania, do hereby make known and give notice to the electors of the county aforesaid, that a general election will be held in the said county of McKean, on TUESDAY, the second of NOVEMBER, next, for the purpose of electing the several officers hereinafter named:

One person for Governor of Pennsylvania.

One person for Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania.

McKean County Miner

October 29 1886

AND HUMOROUS.

—The weather for the past week has been almost as disagreeable as it can be.

Hereafter Letters will be administered on the 2nd and 4th days and Fridays of each week only. The time of the Sheriff and his family is so much taken up with attending Justices that he is compelled to restrict the visitations to certain days.

The Bennett House barn is being put in first-class shape for our enterprising Livery man, S E Dean, whose constantly increasing business makes this move imperative. When he gets into his new quarters which will be in a short time he will have one of the most complete livery establishments to be found in this section of the country.

Last Saturday evening there was a large attendance at A T Palmer's sale to hear the ringing of the auctioneer's bell. It must be said in the outset to the interesting of a First in that place. E E Simons of Bradford was the most lucky offerer. His new Post starter sold with a number of other articles. After the first had been duly organized the entire party adjourned to an elegant spread prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Champagne was no drug and in by all present.

Talk was presented in the Wagoner Opera House in Smethport, on Saturday evening last by Mad ame Oppenheim and some of the best singers from the Queens and other theatres of New York took part. There was an audience of fair size from this place and quite a number took advantage of the opportunity to hear a good light opera although two got to the depot just in time to miss the train.

In our issue two weeks ago we stated that Rev Bateman who delivered a Prohibition speech in the Court House on the evening before had not provided for the maintenance of his wife for many years. We have no disposition to do injustice to any one and having received unmistakable evidence that our information was incorrect and that Mr Bateman was not only living with and supporting his wife but that their relations were altogether happy we do with pleasure to say so.

Probably the liveliest commotion ever known in this borough was that at a certain police station Sunday evening when a woman appeared at the door of which a number of her husband, the said husband in each of her husband, whom she had married was a frequenter. The woman in question stepped up to the police and in the midst of the throng of people there gathered then put the question to the officers as to whether they could arrest a man for being drunk. The answer was promptly returned in the affirmative and the woman left the station. In a few minutes she returned with a number of men and women and proceeded to the saloon of Mr Brick and Davis and there the fun began. The saloon was crowded with people who were enjoying themselves in their own way when the woman and her party entered. Without any ceremony the woman stepped up to the bar and began to look around for her husband. Not finding him she started for the rear of the saloon and opened the door leading to the cellar. Here she found her husband and ordered him to come out. He refused to do so and she then went down after him. Then the fun began. The woman and her husband had a fight in the cellar and the woman came out victorious. She then left the saloon and went home. Her husband followed her and the trouble was settled. It is said that the woman has been married to the man for about two years and has had trouble with him ever since. She says that he is a drunkard and that she has had to support him. She says that she will not have him arrested as she does not wish to have him disgraced. She says that she will have him arrested if he does not behave himself. She says that she will have him arrested if he does not behave himself. She says that she will have him arrested if he does not behave himself

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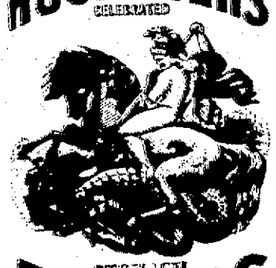

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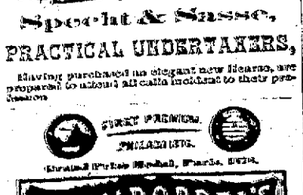

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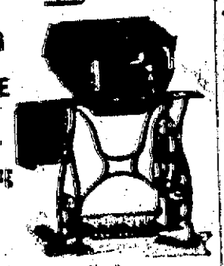

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THE ONE YOU LOVED
REMEMBERS YOU
EVEN IN DIRE DISTRESS.

In common with other folks I stopped to look at the oddity of a tramp at work. He didn't obtrude himself, but he held the block of stone so that it was not hard for passers by to catch that first word "Mother." And he was willing to talk. He had a sad story. He was a nice boy once, but he went to the war, was shot at or shot into at most of the prominent battles, spent a year or two in rebel prisons, went through hospital tortures, and generally had seen tough times ever since. There wasn't anything particularly novel or new in the tale he told; most tramps have had similar experiences, but this individual had testimony in that half carved block of stone that somehow lifted him above the common herd.

"My mother died while I was fighting down South," he said, "and I never have been able to get her a tomb stone. Three or four times I have scraped together almost enough only to see it slip away from me before I could use it for the sacred purpose of marking her grave. Now I'm trying to cut just a little bit of a tombstone myself. God bless the dear angel's memory."

The dirty hands of the talker went to his eyes, no listener could question that he was much agitated. This is a busy, rushing, careless town, but men don't cry on these streets anywhere or any time without getting sympathy. And this man in grime and in rags, with that little bit of human nature showing in his desire to honor the mother dead that fellow's tears moved the crowd who listened. He got money, a lot of it.

A healthy man never gets pleasure out of exciting distrust. But truth is to be told, and that tramp with his pen-knife, the half carved stone, the sad history and the sentimental reminiscence that tramp was a fraud. But what a clever scheme he had! What a student of human nature he was! He was an artist, a genius. And the old threadbare recitals that other tramps begging nickels obtrude upon us, how paltry and poor they are! If an American citizen must be humbugged it is a happy thing, perhaps, to be humbugged artistically. New York *Times*.

He Asked a Few Questions.

Charles Berry, cashier of the Rock Island freight office, is well known to be one of the most courteous and pleasant gentlemen in the railroad business. He is ever ready to give information, and usually submits to any number of irrelevant questions without a murmur. Yesterday, however, his placidity was somewhat ruffled by the queries of a young man, who opened with the following

"Say, mister, what time does the mail go to St. Louis?"

"At 5 o'clock this afternoon."

"What time does it get there?"

"About 7 o'clock the next morning."

"What time will the mail be delivered?"

"I could not say, but if your letter is important you can put on a special delivery stamp and it will reach its destination between 8 and 9 o'clock."

"Is this 5 o'clock train a mail train?"

"It is."

"But supposing it is behind time?"

"Well, (facetiously,) it would probably be late."

"What time did you say it gets there?"

"Seven o'clock."

"Is that clock up there right?"

"No, sir, it is wrong. We keep it about an hour behind just to fool people and make them ask questions."

"Why do you want to do that?"

"I'm one of the rules."

"You don't say so. Have you any drinking water?"

"No, sir. We are not allowed to touch it."

"Well, I swow. Five o'clock this afternoon, you say."

"Yes."

"Well, good day."

"Good day, sir." *St. Joseph Herald.*

Dr. Hiscock's Ten Laws of Health.

1. Pure air is the food of the lungs. This is obtained by scientific ventilation which consists in admitting currents or movements of air into the apartments through two or more apertures.

2. Good and properly cooked food; not food seasoned to cover up decayed material or complete.

3. Water not food, but cooled by being placed upon ice, either in pitchers or in bottles.

4. Adequate exercise in the open air in order to help the skin throw off effete matter.

5. The sun bath. No sitting or reading in darkened room or those lighted by gas. Gas burns up oxygen very rapidly. Sitting under a gas-jet burns the hair grows, and by over heating the scalp destroys its vitality and causes the hair to fall out.

6. Proper and sufficient clothing. That which is loose, light and warm. Light clothes for summer, dark for winter. In winter wear a flannel bandage around the abdomen.

7. Occupations which are of an out-door character—eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep, eight hours for rest. The ten-hour rule has killed more than disease.

8. Personal cleanliness is essential. Bathe once a week. Baths to be of same temperature as the body. Bathing enables the skin to throw off effete matter, causing the dead and useless epidermis to peel off.

9. No marriage with a near relative. No Jewish marriages.

10. Avoid wine whiskey, beer, tobacco and prostitutes. Keep the soul and body clean.—*Medical Summary.*

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The New Chicago Racket.

One of these smart Alexanders who travels on his cheek and the inability of the public to change $20 bills for a glass of soda or four tables got on a Penn Avenue car the other day and tendered the aforesaid $20 for his fare. Of course the conductor could not change it so he got his ride free. This was repeated until the conductor got tired of it and after the fourth or fifth time of its repetition he determined to get even with the fellow. By visiting the toll-houses, and other means unknown, the manipulator of the bell punch managed to scrape up $19.65 in pennies.

Placing these in a little bucket he quietly awaited the appearance of his victim, having posted the driver and some other intimate friends who happened to be on board. When the unsuspecting man with the plethoric pocket book put in an appearance and promptly produced the "twenty" with many apologies, the conductor pocketed the bill and produced the little bucket, and amid the grins of the spectators presented it to his customer. The young man looked pretty cheap, and after feeling the heft of the bucket thoughtfully got off the car and disappeared around a corner. Then the conductor took the bill from his pocket and proceeded to fold it up nicely so that it would fit into a convenient corner of his pocket book. Something in the appearance of the bill caught his eye, and, as he examined it a little closer, his jaw dropped about a foot. The bill was of the genus denominated by the sporting fraternity as "queer." The young man had also been laying for the conductor.

There must be an open road between the food we eat and the substance of which our bodies are composed. If the road is clogged or closed we sicken, faint and die. This road is made up of the organs of digestion and assimilation. Of these the stomach and liver are the chief. Most people have had more or less experience of the horrors of constipation. Prevent it and all its fearful sequences by using Dr. Kennedy's "Favorite Remedy." It is the first step that costs.

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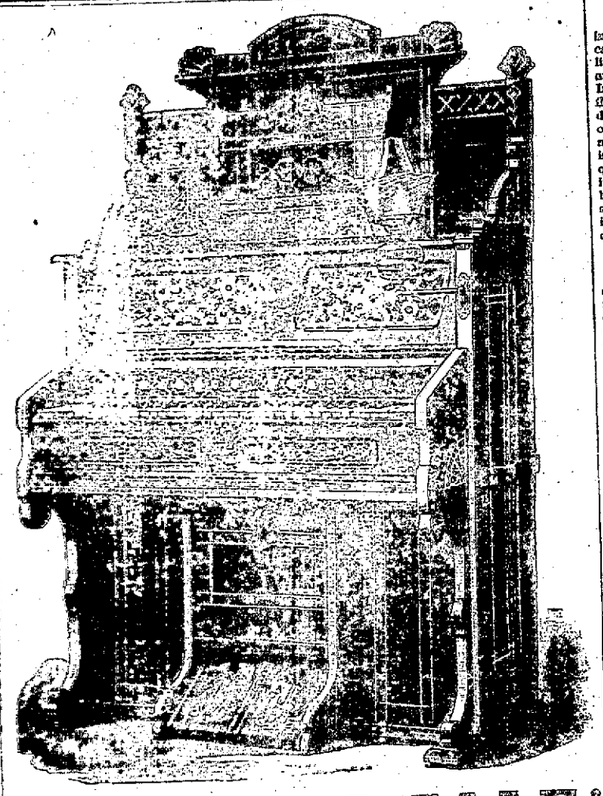

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